

To: Thiede, Kurt[thiede.kurt@epa.gov]
From: Stepp, Cathy[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=BEFDAFC0FA1A425EAE232F60AD9BDA1D-STEPP, CATH]
Sent: Mon 11/26/2018 9:09:20 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Sterigenics and the EPA Finding

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 26, 2018, at 2:59 PM, Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov> wrote:

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Kurt Thiede
Chief of Staff
EPA Region 5

Sent from my iPhone...please excuse my typos.

On Nov 26, 2018, at 2:58 PM, Stepp, Cathy <stepp.cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Got it

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On Nov 26, 2018, at 2:56 PM, Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Cathy,

This is happening a little faster than expected. We haven't had time to vet the draft responses with OAQPS yet, but here is a draft that we recently shared with them. Some of these responses are in OAQPS' court, so I recommend **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** –

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Draft responses below

- 1. How was it decided to pick Sterigenics for a test site and who made that decision?

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- 2. How many other facilities could have been tested or have been tested in the same way?

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- 3. Do you have any misgivings about the results of your testing and the methods used?

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4. Who did the physical testing? I would like to talk to him/her.

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5. Who directed how and when the report would be made public?

6. You stated that Sterigenics is responsible for a 5% increase in cancer, do you stand by that statement? You also encouraged residents to have blood tests to determine if they have had exposure to EtO, do you still recommend that residents get tested?

7. I am told, you apologized on multiple calls to stakeholders about the conduct of the test and the lack of relevant studies showing the effect on humans of casual exposure to EtO. If it is true that you have apologized in private conversations, do you plan on issuing a full explanation and public apology in the near future?

From: Stepp, Cathy

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:52 PM

To: Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>

Cc: Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>; Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov>; Jones, Marjorie A <jones.marjorieA@epa.gov>; Williams, Felicia <Williams.Felicia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sterigenics and the EPA Finding

Ok. I have zero talking points.

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On Nov 26, 2018, at 2:49 PM, Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Deamer, Eileen
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:50 PM
To: Stepp, Cathy <stepp.cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>; Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov>; Jones, Marjorie A <jones.marjorieA@epa.gov>; Williams, Felicia <Williams.Felicia@epa.gov>
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I've confirmed with Rep Ives and OAQPS.

From: Stepp, Cathy
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>
Cc: Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>; Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov>; Jones, Marjorie A <jones.marjorieA@epa.gov>; Williams, Felicia <Williams.Felicia@epa.gov>
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Yes. Felicia or marj: reschedule Personal Privacy / Ex. 6 PARS

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On Nov 26, 2018, at 2:06 PM, Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov> wrote:

Can we do 3 p.m.? OAQPS said 4 p.m. eastern could work...

From: Stepp, Cathy
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
Cc: Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Jones, Marjorie A <jones.marjorieA@epa.gov>; Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>; Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov>
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Let's try

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On Nov 26, 2018, at 1:41 PM, Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov> wrote:

It looks like late afternoon today might work better for OAQPS ... is that a possibility for you, Cathy?

Jeff Kelley

Director, Office of External Communications

U.S. EPA Region 5

ph: 312-353-1159

From: Stepp, Cathy

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:39 PM

To: Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>

Cc: Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Jones, Marjorie A <jones.marjorieA@epa.gov>; Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>; Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov>

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Ok. Let's see if we can get OAQPS on too

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On Nov 26, 2018, at 1:31 PM, Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov> wrote:

I spoke to Rep. Ives. She was appreciative of the call back and our efforts to put together a call in the morning. She would like it to be 10:30 a.m. Chicago time or later as she is driving down to Springfield in the morning.

Please advise.

Eileen

From: Kelley, Jeff

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:04 PM

To: Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>

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Jeff Kelley

Director, Office of External Communications

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ph: 312-353-1159

From: Stepp, Cathy

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:03 PM

To: Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>

Cc: Thiede, Kurt

<thiede.kurt@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Sterigenics and the EPA Finding

Let's get an OAQPS rep on call with her and us tomorrow.

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On Nov 26, 2018, at 10:20 AM,
Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
wrote:

Would you like Eileen to reach out to Rep. Ives to find out more about what she'd like to discuss? I assume the "recent US EPA report" she's referencing is the OAQPS statement about trans-2-butene, in which case we can try to arrange an opportunity for her to talk to them.

Jeff Kelley
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From: Stepp, Cathy
Sent: Sunday,
November 25, 2018
5:08 PM
To: Kelley, Jeff
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Cc: Thiede, Kurt
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Subject: Fwd:
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Jeanne
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November

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I would

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you if you
have time
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Monday
November
26th.

Thank
you,

Jeanne
Ives
State
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ative,
42nd
District

